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## Selectmen's Minutes 04-03-2006

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, April 3, 2006  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. Rowe.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka/Mrs. Sullivan.

Mrs. Krepelka opened the meeting with the first order of business being the election of a new Chair.

Mr. Hurd nominated Mr. Greeley as Chair. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Krepelka then called the second order of business being the election of a Vice-Chair.

Mrs. Mahon nominated Ms. LaCourt as Vice Chair. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley thanked the Board and stated this was his sixth time as Chair and he was honored.

Mr. Greeley thanked Mr. Bilafer and Mrs. Dias for their outstanding work as long time elected officials. Mr. Greeley congratulated Mr. Doherty and Ms. Candelas for stepping up to the plate and their effort and willingness to serve the community by running in this past election. He then welcomed Ms. Clarissa Rowe as a new Selectman and Mr. Jack Hurd for his return as Selectman. Mr. Hurd stated that he appreciated another opportunity and thanked his campaign crew along with congratulating Ms. Rowe as a new Selectman and Mr. Doherty for his great campaign. Ms. Rowe thanked her campaign team and is looking forward to serving.

Mr. Greeley introduced and presented Kathleen Barwick, a girl scout from St. Agnes School who is going for her model citizen badge, with the Arthur D. Saul, Jr. Good Citizen Award. The Board congratulated her and stated they hoped she would continue to stay interested in Arlington politics.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

**Minutes of Meeting:** March 27, 2006, March 20, 2006, November 7, 2005

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the March 27, 2006 minutes. SO VOTED (3-0-2)

Mr. Greeley and Ms. Rowe abstained.

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the March 20, 2006 minutes. SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Ms. Rowe abstained.

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the November 7, 2005 minutes. SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Ms. Rowe abstained.

Mr. Greeley introduced and welcomed Mr. Stephen Gilligan as the newly elected Treasurer. Mr. Greeley also brought to the Board's attention that the issue of Parking Clerk needed to be addressed to be co-terminus with the election.

Mr. Hurd moved to appoint Mr. Gilligan as Parking Clerk to go along with his two-year term as Treasurer.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

2. Appointment: Vision 2020  
Clarice Gordon  
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
3. Appointment: Information Technology Advisory Committee  
Margaret Aranyosi  
Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
4. Reappointment: Board of Youth Services  
Cynthia Sheridan  
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

**LICENSES & PERMITS**

5. Request: One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License, 4/29/06, Town Hall  
Frank Tessitore, Fidelity House Fundraiser  
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

**7:30 p.m.**

6. Request: Wine & Malt – Alteration to Premise  
Didies & Cesidia Baugniet, d/b/a Scutra, 92 Summer St.  
Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
7. Request: Eye Mobile in Front of Town Hall, 4/28/06 – 4/29/06  
Ben Warren, Lions Club  
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
8. Request: Food Vendor License  
William Smith d/b/a Junior's Variety, 203 Broadway  
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

9. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Gordon Jamieson, Town Meeting member and Vision 2020 member, informed the Selectmen that the annual state of the town address is April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm.

Mr. William Berkowitz, Precinct #8, spoke following up on a letter he had sent regarding town-wide emergency planning. He would like the town plan to include the following:

- a written flyer or brochure on how citizens should respond to situations and where to go for information.
- A process for updating the information, keeping it current.

10. Request: On Street Overnight Parking/181 Newport St.  
Catherine & Oliver Freudenreich  
After some discussion the Selectmen stated they never remember approving on street parking when a resident has some parking area. They then suggested 1) check with neighbors to secure a spot or 2) purchase an overnight parking permit for a town/school lot from the Treasurer's Office.  
Mr. Hurd moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

The Selectmen agreed on the following meeting dates:

May 1, 2006

May 15, 2006

June 5, 2006

June 19, 2006

July 10, 2006

August 14, 2006

The Selectmen will revisit the meeting schedule in June to set the meetings for the rest of 2006.

12. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 13 Bylaw Amendment/Recycling (tabled from 2/27 and 3/20)

Mr. Gordon Jamieson spoke on behalf of this warrant article proposing using the proceeds from a revolving fund to set up staff, a part timer or contact person, to educate apartment complexes, schools, etc. Mr. Gordon Jamieson stated that recycling 1million pounds of rubbish equates to \$25,000-\$30,000 to the bottom line in savings.

Mr. Hurd moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 24 Home Rule Legislation/Maintenance Town Water Bodies

Mr. Maher informed the Selectmen that they need not vote, no action – no report is appropriate on this warrant article.

Ms. Rowe voiced support for this article stating that this was an important step forward and that the water bodies are incredibly important assets.

Mr. Maher asked the Board if they intended to vote support for this Finance Committee's Warrant?

Ms. Rowe moved to support Article #24.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 35 Revolving Funds – Field User Fees (tabled from 3/20)

Mr. Paul Olsen, Chairman of the Field Maintenance User Fee Committee, spoke on behalf of this warrant article stating that they estimate a total maintenance fee of \$72,000 for the maintenance of all fields. The Committee would commit to providing \$32,000 (\$6.00 per head per season) and would expect the Town to provide \$40,000 totaling \$72,000 to maintain fields. The Committee has adopted a field restoring and rotation policy and plans to implement it this year to extend the life of the fields. The Committee wants to work with town departments (DPW, Police, Recreation etc.) to monitor fields against unauthorized group usage.

Mrs. Mahon thanked Mr. Olsen and the Committee for all their work regarding field maintenance and user fees. Mrs. Mahon said that Pop Warner is in favor of this arrangement but due to multiple fees wanted to confirm that the permit fee would be cut in half. Mr. Sullivan confirmed the permit fee reduction to half price.

Mr. Hurd reinforced the importance of the unauthorized field usage.

Ms. LaCourt questioned will these steps increase the level of field betterment discussed at Town Meeting last year and reminded everyone that Town Meeting passed a bylaw allowing the Police to close fields. Mr. Olsen answered that these steps should increase the betterment of the fields to the levels discussed and that the goal is to get to the resting and rotation process. The first year is needed for analysis, so starting July '06 for fiscal year 2007 they'll start the process-it'll take 1 complete cycle.

Ms. Rowe questioned Mr. Sullivan regarding if turf services were bid out and what type of fertilizer is used on fields adjacent to water bodies. Mr. Greeley asked Ms. Rowe, due to her professional expertise, to be involved in the field maintenance program and report back to the Board.

Mr. Maher pointed out that if the \$32,000 from user fees is to be tied to the Town amount of \$40,000 than an amendment will have to take place at Town Meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action and rewording the revolving funds article.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon brought up for discussion (Mr. Hurd indicated his support) that the Peirce Field should be used as much as possible for all sports groups not just high school sports in order to rest other fields. Mr. Stephen Moniak, Soccer Club, has been in communication with the School Committee and the Soccer and Lacrosse Clubs are using Peirce Field.

Article 53 Establish Special Education Account (tabled from 3/20)

Mr. Maher informed the Selectmen that they need not vote, no action – no report is appropriate on this warrant article.

### 13. **FINAL VOTES & COMMENTS**

Warrant Articles 18 – 20, 23 – 32 (tabled from 3/20)

Mr. Maher reported that he would be working with Mrs. Krepelka on these final votes & comments.

Ms. LaCourt moved favorable action subject to amendments and revisions for Articles #28 and #20.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Ms. Rowe abstained.

### **Correspondence Received**

Tom Scotto Letter of resignation Be Rec'd

420 Bedford St.

Lexington

Robert Gildea Concerns relative to trash and recycling Be Rec'd

Spy Pond Condo

Trust

20 Hamilton Rd.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### **ADDENDUM**

#### 1. **Request: Permission for The Patriots' Day Parade, April 17, 2006**

Joseph Marshall, William F. McCarthy

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### 2. **Final Votes & Comments**

Articles 13, 14, 21, 22, 25, 31, 33-35, 37, 52-55, 57, 65-67

Mr. Maher will email out the latest report on votes & comments to the Selectmen and asked that any questions be emailed back for clarification or corrections.

Ms. LaCourt moved to table until the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Town would be receiving an additional \$640,000 in State aid from lottery monies.

Mr. Sullivan announced the Summer St. neighborhood meeting, Tuesday night, 7:00 pm at St. Athanasius The Great Church.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Mass. Ave. project would be segmented-the center to the Cambridge line.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Selectmen that he will be bringing a couple of warrant articles to the Board for a Special Town Meeting - one regarding George St. and the other regarding coalition bargaining.

Mrs. Mahon requested that Mr. Maher draft rules and regulations regarding the Beer & Wine package stores that were approved at the Town election. After some discussion, it was decided that the Rules/Regulations and the application would be available July 1<sup>st</sup> for applicants.

Mrs. Mahon announced that the Warrant Review would be Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Mrs. Mahon requested from Mr. Maher and Mr. Sullivan for an update, at a future meeting, on the various NFDES permits.

Mrs. Mahon requested from Mr. Sullivan an accounting of the 3 different fees that equal the \$50,000 increase in Rec fees.

Mrs. Mahon requested that Mrs. Dias's committee appointments be reviewed and new appointments be made at the next meeting.

Mrs. Mahon would also like to represent the Board at the next Tri-Community Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Mahon requested, within the next 4 weeks, the accounting of water & sewerage (i.e. what we're charged, capital charges etc.).

Ms. LaCourt also asked that the Water/Sewerage debt shift be a future agenda item.

Mrs. Mahon requested the Mr. Greeley authorize the Board Administrator, Mrs. Krepelka, to get a cell phone for Board contact. There was an issue on Saturday during the election and it was difficult to contact Mrs. Krepelka while on her visits to all the precinct voting locations.

Mrs. Mahon congratulated Mr. Greeley as Chair, Mr. Hurd for his successful re-election, and Ms. Rowe for her successful election.

Ms. LaCourt requested that before the beginning of the next fiscal year that the Board put together criteria for a Chief Technical Officer and consider separating the IT function from the Comptroller's Department and into the Town Manager's Department.

Ms. LaCourt would like to have ITAC assist in defining roles in reorganizing the IT Department. Mr. Hurd responded, with agreement from the other Board members that he, Ms. LaCourt, Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Lewis work as a sub-committee on this position and report back to the Board.

Ms. LaCourt made a motion to form a sub-committee with the Town Manager and Comptroller to come up with recommendations on how to proceed. SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. Rowe asked why the election results were not on the website immediately after the election and if we could change this for the next election. Mrs. Krepelka was addressing this request with Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Hurd requested Mr. Sullivan to look into repairing/replacing the lights that are out at the Veteran's Memorial Rink.

Mr. Hurd reported that there are discussions in the community of revisiting the building of an ice rink at Arlington High School. There are several Alumni interested in donating and fund raising.

Mr. Greeley requested Ms. LaCourt thru ITAC to research what other communities are doing with packet information and perhaps using electronic mail vs. hard copy packets.

Ms. LaCourt moved to refer to ITAC exploring what other communities do regarding electronic reference material. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley requested Mrs. Mahon and Ms. Rowe to have their pictures added to the back wall of the Chambers, where the Selectmen pictures are displayed.

Mr. Greeley commented that he would be recommending at a future meeting that Mr. Lyons have something named after him, as a testament to his many years of community service (i.e. The Charles Lyons Community Service Beach and Walkway).

Ms. Rowe asked Mr. Sullivan the time frame of the Park Circle Fire Station rebuild. Mr. Sullivan responded that the bids go out in April, bids are back in by May, and construction should begin about two months after.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka

Board Administrator